## SOUTH OF THE LINE

Rivers and Bayous of the South

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tracted to America through interest even more than by curiosity to see the ness. great natural wonders of the contithe sightseers' beaten trail will

lead through old Virginia. The concentration of nationally vital events in the region watered by Virginia rivers is patent to all read-ers of American history. In the popular mind, also, at home and abroad, toric valleys they drain have been occupied from the days of the "Old Doa people who consciously bore the responsibility of being, per se, history

dolphs, Harrisons, Rutherfords, Lees, innumerable F. F. V's in fact, who contributed to the glory of the colony, the state, and the republic. Three centuries of ildeal marriages (for it was the ancient custom of Virginians to mate the best only with the best), guaranteed a high standard of citizenship and helped to more nearly maintain a purely American-born population here than elsewhere in the United States. Sacredly stored in Virginia family record and family tradition, may be found every patriotic act and every refining custom of a no-ble ancestry, preserved for all time, as the fragrance of long-gone gardens saved indefinitely in precious jars,

In this land of memories and shrines the "River of history," par excellence, is the James. Leaving out his upper portion, where were the plantations of many notable families, there is left material enough for a oig book in the points of interest to be seen in the course of a boat ride from Richmond, at the fall line, down to where the river broadens into an estuary of Chesapeake Bay at Hampton Roads. Cold is the Southern heart, or ill-informed, that beats not faster at thought of Hampton Roadstead, the historic waters that lap Norfolk wharves on the one side and Old Point Comfort and Fort Monroe on the other. Fort Monroe-ah, there's the quickening thught—in whose dungeon languished for two years the feeble, manacled, yet blameless ex-President of the Southern Confederacy. A little higher up-stream, on waters half river, half ocean, one must be proof, indeed, against emotional urgings, to resist a patriotic thrill while passing over the spot where the Confederate ironclad Merrimac (rechristened the Virginia) closed in grim fight with the Federal fleet, sank the Cumberland, and burned the Congress, then dared again the new monster, Monitor, but could not draw her forth. Under stress of gripping sentiments, forgetfulness, for the moment, of the existence of one of the largest shipbuild-

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Come the day, as come it must, in ing yards and dry docks in the world which European tourists will be atcilities should be, as an assurance of in the historic spots of the new world means for product naval prepared-

Still earlier historical associations with the estuary bring before the mind's eye three small ships, sailing through the Rondstead to land forty miles upstream on an island in the river, on May 13, 1607. The English emigrants who there disembarked had come three thousand miles, braving the Potomac River, the Rappahan-nock, the Shenandoah, the Chicahomi-ny, and the York, are lore-laden Anglo-Saxon settlement on the Amstreams, inseparably associated with crican continent. On the island the building of the nation and its fore- (which they called Jamestown) in most builders. The swelling hills the river (which they named the through which they wind and the his- James, for their sovereign) they successfully planted the germ of the Amcupied from the days of the "Old Do-minion" down to the present time by the Rev. Robert Hunt, who had "preferred the service of God in so good a voyage to every thought of ease at home," they received the Holy Com-There were Spotswoods, Byrds, Masons, Marshalls, Washingtons, Carters, Cureys, Cockes, Bollings, Ran-kneeling at a rustic rail nailed between two trees, thus, also, planting in the new world their ancient English church, and with it, the Protes-

To speak of Jamestown is to think Capt. John Smith. The thought of Smith and his foolish expedition up an affluent of the James called by the Indians the Chicahominy, brings to mind his capture and his tramp as led-prisoner across country to presence of the Indian emperor, Powhatan, in his winter palace (save the mark!) on the bank of the York River, near to where it empties into the bay. The empire of the lordly savage extended as far south as the Carolinas, upon which circumstantial evidence he has been accredited with the disappearance of the "Lost Colony of Roanoke." The secret of the tragedy, if indeed he had a bloody hand in it, lies buried in his grave at his summer home on the James, not far below the city limits of Rich-

Powhatan's daughter, the princess

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Pocahontas, who, by saving Smith's river is Westover, built in the year head from the club (?) and the settlement at Jamestown from massacre, in 1623 by Col. William Byrd, near in 1637 by Col had won the gratitude of the colony, the admiration of all England and, incidentally, the love of a fine gentle-man, lived after her marriage to the latter, on her estate, Varina, near the early settlement at Henrico, in which University of Henrico had been founded and then summarily erased from the face of the earth by the tomahawk and fire of the aborigins in

Mrs. Rolfe, or "The Lady Rebecca, as Pocahontas was called in England, became the maternal founder of some of the most renowned families of Virincluding the very distingushed Randolphs and the Bollings, from whom is descended the first lady of the land, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. rina was one of the many great properties owned by the Randolphs.

Numerous plantations and splendid homes established by leading Virginians all up and down the river, birthplace of ex-President Wi above and below Richmond, north Henry Harrison; Brandon, an bank and south, remained in the families of their founders, by inheritance, from one generation to another down to the beginning of the war between the states. The consequent stability of social life produced a succession of right-living men and women whose like it is feared, will not again appear. Rebecca Rolfe was among the first of a long line of Virginia gentlewomen of a type that has passed with the times to which they gave a peculiar interest.

Each lady of that vanished day held queenly sway in loved ancestral pur-roundings. In dignified state sha visited neighboring families of conse uence, or went for a season to Williamsburg, the gay colonial capital, situated on the tongue of land tween the James and the York Rivers, since known to fame as "the Pe-

in a velvet-lined coach drawn fy four or six blooded horses-not one too many for the mud holes to be pulled through in those brave times. Her negro coachman in cloth coat and brass buttons, who could be trusted to drive her a hundred miles in safety, through love and respect rather than fear, skillfully handled the lines while liveried footmen swung jauntily to the carriage straps behind, ready to spring to the ground, open the door, and let down the folding steps at the will of the mistress. As to her wholesome life at home, Thomas Nelson Page has covered the case in asserting that "The system of living in the South made the domestic virtues as common as light and air." Housewifely thrift and executive ability of a high order made the home of the Southern woman who was true to the type, an Eden for all who partook of her hos-pitality. Good cheer, order and beauty prevailed from the entrance hall, impressive with its array of ancestral portraits, to the clean and ample kitchen and servants' quar-The well filled smokehouse, the poultry yard astir with fowls, the pantry supply of jelly, pickle, cordial, "bounce," and preserves, the cellar stocked with the choicest vintages of the old world, and the garden growing with every herb vegetable and flower known to the new. were results of the industry of the lady bountiful of ye olden time. And, withal, the "swept and garnshed" guest rooms, as rarely unoccupied as vacuums occur in nature, were dainty with lavendar linens, waxed floors, and

mahogany. One of the oldest homes on the

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Richmond, of which place he was the founder. The traitor Benedict the founder. Arnold stopped at Westover on his way to attack Richmond, and Cornwallis' troopers stabled his horses in the lower rooms of the mansion.

During the war of 1861-65 Gen. Pope occupied it as headquarters. At one time it was owned by Maj. A. H. Drewry, of Drewry's Bluff-the latter place famed for the fortifications that during the same fra-tricidal war made of it the "Gibraltar of the Confederate capital." Apparently uninjured by wars and years, Westover still stands, and on the estate remains intact the canopied monument that shelters the grave of "Will Byrd, Gentleman," and the tomb of the beautiful "Mistress Evelyn Byrd," of romantic memory. Other manor houses of note

the lower James are Berkeley, the birthplace of ex-President William

hads of Harrisons, whose ancestors

Curle's Neck, once a Randelph hold-

were its original owners.

colonial mansion, still in the

Shirley, with a history con-

ing. Shirley, with a mistry care nected with the names of Carter, Fitzhugh, and Lee, this being the birthplace of Anne Carter, who married the Revolutionary general, "Light-Horse Harry Lee' and be-came the mother of Robert E. Lee. The mansion, which dates back to 1642, is situated almost opposite to the mouth of Appomattox River. Not far up that famous little stream Gen. Grant's army met with the disaster of the "Mine" and the "Cratter," before Petersburg, on July 20, 1864. Thence, eight months later, Anne Carter's great son and his remnant of ragged, starving heroes, took up the line of funeral march to bury from sight, at Appomattox Court House, the overmatched cause of constitutional rights they had fought and bled to keep alive. State's rights perished, and was not permitted to have recognized part in the new national life that had birth on April 9, 1865, at Appomattox. It was buried, but "No man know-eth of its sepulchre unto this day." On the James, also are the mansions of Sherwood Forest, the resi-dence of John Tyler, who was the son of a distinguished father and the father of a distinguished son, and was himself, distinguished as the tenth President of the United States: Claremont, an exact dupli-cate of the building in England in which Oueen Victoria was born, and with a wealth of notable portraits of supreme interest. Lastly ly of those which there is here space to mention is the famous homstead to the courts? of Malvern Hill, where the deadlock between pinety thousand troops and fifty thousand Confederen July 1, 1862, closed Gen. McClellan's famous "Peninsula campaign," and induced him to effect that equally noted "change of base" which has been so freely commented open to his disadvantage. fair, was it not natural he should need to breathe a bit after the struggles of Williamsburg, Hanver Court House, Seven Pines, Me-haniceville, Cold Harbor, the Seven Days' Fight, Savage Station, and However that may 'razier's Farm? e, there was little regret in Gen.

## A Hinda View of Missionaries.

ital, on the James.

perilously near the Confederate cap-

The missionary appears "a queer man" to the native Hindu. At least Catts' counsel, "I will be qualified, as the Hindu is represented by Prof. C. E. Purani, M. A., of Lahore, who writes in The Vedic Magazino (Lahore). He is "queer" because of his cheerful willingness to discuss and "confute" anything in the Vedas, of weight. Had it carried, we would be confuted unless by the had been previously resigned as comptroller. which he may be quite ignorant. This fact has been pointed out before by Christian missionaries more enlightned than their courageous brethren.

The Hindu writes of such:
"He is a man of faith, who has surrendered his reason, and whose unounded vanity always makes him see things with prejudiced eyes. He has ost the faculty of impartial judgment. He never keeps his mind open and is not an earnest inquirer of truth. He is satisfied with what poor fragments of philosophical patchwork he has got, and to him that is the whole truth. Thus equipped, he dashes off a book with mistranslated and distorted facts, and claims to have proved that the Vedas are the babblings of the primitive man. We may well ask this grand man: 'Sir, how did you know the meanings of the Vedas? Have you studied the Vedas in their entirety and read them as one piece? Are you competent to pass any opinion on these sacred books? Have you read Nirukta and Mahabhashya?' With a flimsy, superficial study of Sanskirt, and a biased, prejudiced mind, he has the pre-sumption to speak authoritively on the Vedas! Unacquainted with the traditions and ancient history of In-dia, ignorant of the traditional modes of teaching, with no sympathy and impartially, but priding himself on the possession of the art of critical research, he misuses the inductive process and generalizes too widely maker of prog and emphatically on very sparse of enthusiasm.

Much has b sions before the world without any sense of shame. Any one who care: might be said about the to read the works of Pundit Guru the press, for whatever Datta or the brilliant articles in the 'Arya' will see through the most unscientific attempts at the interpretation of the Vedas made by such perto the missionary, but even to a large majority of Western scholars."—The Literary Digest.

## For a Sprained Ankle.

If you will get a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and observe the directions given therewith faithfully, you will recover in much less time than is

# WHOM PEOPLE

fends Mr. Knott's Position.

Referring to the charge of Mr. Catts that Mr. Knott asks then courts to make him the party nominee, the Pensacola Journal of last Sunday, in

Referring to the proof Mr. Knott submitted to the highest court of perior to that of city or county is or of local physicians. that certain votes had not been counted-a proof apparently so well founded that the tribunal in question de-cided only a recount of the ballots could decide the question, a daily

rewspaper has this to say:
"He asks the courts to MAKE him the party nominee. But the people of Florida will not ac-

cept a COURT nominee.' the knowledge of Mr. Knott. fication Mr. Catts will not have plied with until June, 1917. Had Mr. order to overcome his present majori-

But Mr. Knott simply asks that the votes be recounted. The people have already MADE their choice: Knott simply wants to find out who

not want the recount. Stripped of all piffle and partisanship, the reason why he does not want a recount is that he is afraid his majority will be

primary law under which the election was held was unconstitutional as regards the second choice vote. He therefore appeals to the courts throw Mr. Knott's request out and allow his nomination to stand. Is not this putting the nomination squarely

Failing to gain that point, Mr. Catts, through his attorneys, has advanced this remarkable plea, in the mandamus case brought by Mr. Knott last week to require the clerks in cer-tain precincts of Duval and Putnam counties to reconvene and recount the

doved his base on the York River and quit his field of operations, so

Mr. Knott signed an oath, when he announced his candidacy, declaring "I am qualified to fill the office of gov-

t would automatically throw out foverner Trammell's election, for he was still governor when he ran for

Is not this putting Catts nomination Had Mr. Knott pressed the question of Mr. Catts' ineligibility, we would able to understand the psychology this plen of Mr. Catts—if not the logic. But Mr. Knott has done nothing of the kind. He has accused Mr. Catta of nothing, he has not questioned Mr. Catts' qualifications. The

## The Town Friend.

A SORRY newspaper is a little corse than nothing-on par with the small town drunk-an object of con-

ness without a legitimate excuse for success—like a knocking, non-vot-ing citizens, whose object in life is o follow the zig-zag line of least resistance

A good newspaper is more than It is the best friend town has in the world. The world may turn against you but your news-paper will "stick." It may tell the town of its faults, but it will do ev-erything in its power to assist in correcting them. It is the peace-

Much has been said about the power of the press. Much more might be said about the service of may have is in its ability and incli-

nation to serve.

A selfish newspaper is a failure Bret Harte wrote once that a man These remarks apply not only in order to be a successful editor, must be small, unbound edition of both Moses and Solmon. Bret may have "stretched" it a bit, but the fact remains that unselfishness and optimism and definite patience are required in the make-up of the real newspaper.-Palm Beach Post.

Germany has just concluded a new usually required. Obtainable every. loan of \$11,750,000 to Turkey, says

Pensacola Journal Ably De-

able editorial says:

Bear in mind that Mr. Knott never has agitated the question of Mr. lished by the State Health Catt's constitutional eligibility, nor is he doing so now. The Journal northern infected districts, Ma printed recently an interview with Ex-Senator John S. Beard discussing have come to the State Health the law on the question, but this was | cer, asking for instruction entirely without the authorization or in the possible emergen discussion was not politicael in character, it was purely didactic: seek- law of the state, the ling to interpret the constitution of limited only to giving Florida which provides that no one tain communicable dis shall be eligible for governor who has not been a citizen of the state for five years preceding the election—a quali-Knott taken appropriate steps to de-clare Mr. Catts' candidacy illegal, in ty, there might be some rhetorical excuse for saying that Knott was ask- pretation of law whe ing the courts to MAKE him the nom-

that choice is. Mr. Catts on the other hand does

upset; and in using every legal re-source possible to prevent a recount is he not putting his nomination up One argument Mr. Catts uses against the recount is that the Bryan

up to the courts?

Namely, that Mr. Knott wasn't elito run after all! Thus ex-

The oath did not say, argued Mr. atts' counsel, "I will be qualified,"

KNOWING what the people have

temptuous pity.

An ordinary newspaper is a busi-

business. maker of progress; the embodiment

a dispatch from Berlin.

Who Is Responsible? Who is responsible authority

health matters in Florida? functional relations of the St Board of Health and of other he authorities are clearly defined on # statute books, but, like the Ten co mandments, these matters get mix without an occasional refreshing memory.

The law that established the Sta Board of Health and defined its of ties, gave it original jurisdiction at where in the State over three dis es-cholera, yellow fever and sm pox. Under this law it has the rig -it is its duty-to assume cor in the event of an epidemic or of s radic cases of these ailments and their management its authority i

In the occurence of any other eases, whether in epidemic prevalor in individual cases, its duty is tirely advisory and it may assume preme authority only when the si tion is beyond the control of health authorities. The question has been revived

the present menace of infantile alysis against which the most care supervision on travel has been at every point and port of entry The pearance of the disencity or town. And und law of the state, the he sponsibility for action, correct, rests, and mu cal health authorities

The record of the was established in its willingness, its d advise for the good and even to stretch to be for the general has always avoided a the bounds of its learn an interference with city health boards. three diseases alread functions are entirely advisory educational.

Whether this limitation of its. ties is wise or conduces to its w usefulness, is a matter more or speculative. functions, by giving it original diction and authority in rence of other diseases, complished only by a law of the state, and be made by the wish of the people of Flor

The present fight sion of Florida by int s being made by the thorities in the various which such invasion the plague rages with verity in New York, Flo solid front against th although summer trav York by rail and Florida, probably greater than during tion, so far as is kn ent writing, has pnbounds of the state

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